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# The Role and Importance of Research at Redeemer College



*Dr. Justin  
Cooper  
President*

**A**lthough the research activities of our faculty members are reported in each issue of *Images*, it is very fitting that we are devoting a special issue to this topic. For research is central to the mission and task of Redeemer College, something which gives it a distinctive place among Christian liberal arts institutions. At Redeemer we clearly state that our mission is both "to offer a university-level Christian liberal arts and sciences education" and "to support research and creative endeavour in this context." This reflects our conviction that the God-given task and service of a university is not only to share knowledge but also to advance it.

In assisting our faculty to carry out this mission, the College intentionally defines research in broad terms which recognize that such scholarly activity can take many forms, depending on a faculty member's gifts and interests and the nature of the field in which he or she is working. From experimental or pure scientific research in the natural world, to incisive analysis and scholarship in the world of ideas, to creative activity in writing, art making, theatrical work or music making, all are legitimate avenues of scholarly activity which allow the professor as creative investigator to further knowledge, as well as to share knowledge with

students, supporters, and the wider academic community.

Whatever form its takes, the scholarly work of faculty is first of all an avenue of academic service. Sometimes, new ideas and insights are not obviously relevant to the classroom. Nor does scholarly activity always have an immediate connection to practical issues or matters of faith and Christian perspective. At times, research can be very specialized and therefore may give the impression of being "ivory tower" work, academics talking to themselves. At other times, the results of research can be directly accessible to most people, as when a faculty member publishes a novel or article on a passage of Scripture or gives an organ concert. But we believe that all truth is God's truth and, in discovering it, those with an academic calling are fulfilling part of their God-given task.

We also emphasize research and creative activity because there is a mutually beneficial relationship between teaching and research--the energy of research stimulates teaching, and good teaching stimulates research.

Thus good researchers are often also very good teachers. They are actively engaged with their discipline, and this is evident when they communicate it to students. They speak about something they know

intimately and care about very much. Perhaps this also helps people realize what professors could possibly be doing all those months when students are not on campus. This gives faculty members the time they need to explore a subject in depth and to develop new insights that can be shared.

I'm sure you can see why, in spite of its relatively small size, it is no accident Redeemer College is known not only for its quality education but also for the scholarship of its faculty. Scholarly and creative endeavours involve many hours of hard work and preparation, which come with great sacrifice to those who must find the time in a busy schedule of teaching. Elsewhere in this issue you can read how the College encourages and supports the research of our faculty. Recognizing that teaching and research go hand-in-hand, Redeemer College has been and will continue busy training students as well as supporting research and scholarship. We want to be known as an institution where not only students, but also teachers, pastors, professors and others can come to learn and be stimulated to new insights.

As a Christian university college in Ontario, we are called to proclaim Christ's lordship over academic work in all its facets through our teaching and research. Pray that the Lord will enable us to continue to be faithful to Him and His Word as we carry out this important mission.



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Research encompasses many dimensions at Redeemer College. Dr. van der Meer shares results with students Lisa Scully, Randy Elzinga, Liz Teeniga, Dave deVries, Leah Shamalla. Digital illustration by Petra Zantingh.

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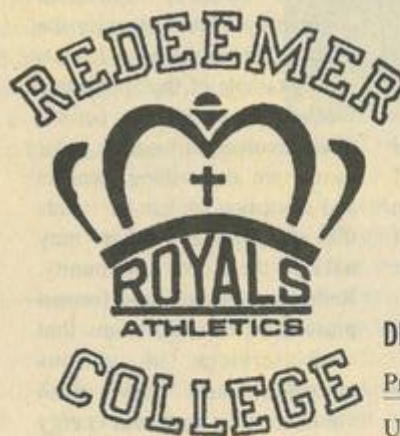
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# Getting to Know You.....



Tim Wolfert '87  
Editor

Last month, Redeemer College had a display booth at Christian Expo 2000, a combination trade show and ministry showcase where profit and non-profit organizations presented product and services to the greater Christian community. Held at Exhibition Place in Toronto, Christian Expo was a great opportunity for Redeemer College to be seen and recognized for what it is — an undergraduate Christian university. Even though there were at least 15 different Christian post-secondary institutions present, Redeemer is the only one of its kind in Ontario. It is a great treasure for this province's Christian community, but at times it seems like we are a hidden treasure.

Although it was wonderful to speak to a number of Redeemer supporters at Christian Expo, it was very interesting, if somewhat disheartening, to hear the comments of others:

*"Lancaster — isn't that near Pittsburgh?"*

*"Are you recognized/legitimate/accredited/sanctioned?"*

*"You're not on the Ontario university application form; what type of school are you?"*

*"I have no idea who you are/where you are/what you do"*

*"What makes you think you're 'Redeemed'?"*

We have, thanks to the dedication of a gifted staff and faculty, the trust which

students and their parents have placed in us, the incredible assistance that you, our support community, provide, and God's faithful blessings, a marvelous resource for the whole Christian community. Our primary mission, of course is to be a place where young men and women can learn about all aspects of God's Creation. And, as highlighted in this issue, it is also a place where that knowledge is advanced through research.

But Redeemer College is not a place exclusively for students and faculty. There is so much that Redeemer can offer to the broader Christian community. The "Magnify the Lord" conference (see p. 15) is a great example of that, providing workshops and ideas for all those involved in worship. Our faculty are also willing speakers and workshop leaders for events that churches and others may have in their own community. Redeemer students have formed praise and worship teams that lead services in various churches, and they often volunteer their time and energy

in projects near and far. And our facilities, including the residences, are available for conferences, workshops, meetings, or other gatherings. It's just too bad more people don't know about it.

What is encouraging in this, however, is the way that students, alumni, parents, and other supporters take the lead in getting the message out there. Word of mouth is the best advertising you can't buy, often better than what you can buy, and these people share the news about Redeemer to friends, co-workers and fellow parishioners in a powerful and positive way. Thanks to all of you who take the opportunity to spread the word about Redeemer College.

And if there is anything that we can do for you, please don't hesitate to ask. The Alumni and Community Relations Office can provide more information on how Redeemer can assist your church or organization's ministry. It's more than the least we can do; it's what we're here to do.

Redeemer College welcomes **Petra Zantingh** to its staff as Publications Officer. Part of Petra's responsibility will be as co-editor of *Images*; she will also be involved in preparing all of the College's publication material. Petra comes to Redeemer from the *Montreal Gazette* where she was a Graphic Designer, and the International Academy of Design where she was an Instructor. She lives in Hamilton, and her daughters, Naomi and Stephanie Biesheuvel, will be joining Petra when their school year is done.



## COMING Redeemer EVENTS

### Magnify the Lord!

A two-day conference on worship and church music  
July 14-15, 2000  
See page 17 for more information

### The Open Book and Scholarship

Exploring approaches to relationships between Scripture, scholarship and culture  
August 16-19, 2000

### Move-In Day

Students move back on-campus  
Monday, September 4, 2000

### Opening Convocation

Everyone is invited to the official opening of the academic year  
Tuesday, September 5, at 10:00  
Redeemer College Auditorium

### Homecoming, 2000

Alumni are welcomed back to campus for a day of fun and fellowship  
Saturday, September 16  
See page 14 for more details

### Residence Dedication

Celebrating God's faithfulness  
Saturday, October 14

### Annual Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Redeemer College  
Saturday, October 14

### Board Meetings

The Board of Governors meets on November 24-25  
Redeemer College Senate meets on October 19  
The Redeemer Foundation Board meets on September 28

Please check our website: [www.redeemer.on.ca](http://www.redeemer.on.ca) for updates on all College upcoming events, including faculty colloquiums, student exhibits, recitals and performances, College chapel services and other events that are open to the public. We look forward to welcoming you to the campus!



# Commencement 2000



Peter Luth and daughter Anita

A wet and windy spring finally gave way to clear, sunny skies just in time to welcome the Class of 2000 and their guests for the fifteenth commencement ceremony on May 27. Eighty-nine graduates received their degrees in front of an enthusiastic auditorium of family, friends and faculty. Dr. M. Elaine Botha, Vice-President (Academic) gave an emotional address entitled "The Deeper Quest: Searching For The Hidden Treasure". With moments of laughter, and some tears, Dr. Botha implored the graduates to personally

grab hold of the worldview that was taught them at Redeemer, and to live it out, wherever the Lord calls them. That vision, explained Dr. Botha, is more important than any course or program that they completed — it is the true measure of a Redeemer degree.

Dr. Botha's remarks were interspersed with what she called footnotes on her forty years of academic life, personal reflections on "what I wish I had known when I was beginning my scholarly studies." These notes were made especially poignant because Dr. Botha is retiring from the office of Vice-President (Academic) this year (see related stories on pages 9 and 17). She recalled the faithfulness that God has demonstrated to her at many times, and the importance of maintaining a personal relationship with Jesus Christ throughout one's studies and life.

Later in the ceremony, Class Representative Jeremy Veldman talked of the education that he and his classmates received at Redeemer, both the formal one (lectures, essays, exams, etc.), and the informal one (how to cook for 8, clean up quickly before dorm inspection, etc.). Jeremy also recalled Moses' plea to the Lord at Sinai — "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here" (Exodus 33:15), and called on his classmates to begin

this new stage in life by relying on God's faithfulness.

Commencement is also a time to acknowledge those who have made a special impact on the Redeemer community. Dr. Cooper thanked Dr. Botha for her work in academic administration and two students were honoured for their accomplishments. Margaret Gassanov (Bulk) was awarded the Governor General's Silver Medal for graduating with the highest standing in her class, and Jason Zuidema received the Faculty Award for exemplifying academic excellence, Christian leadership, and active participation in the life of the College.

*Dr. Botha's complete address can be found at: [www.redeemer.on.ca](http://www.redeemer.on.ca)*



Margaret Gassanov(Bulk) & Dr. Botha

## Building Update



Residence Construction May 2000

Except for the odd day of rain delay, construction of the new residence building is proceeding on schedule. At the time of this writing, the third floor walls are going up and the roof trusses are being put in place. Cooperation on all fronts has been excellent and so far costs are also in line. There has been some unexpected additional work needed to get the new roadway and parking lot in place, but Bill van Staaldin, Chair of the Building Committee, notes that the bulk of subcontracts so far have come in under budget.

Lord willing, substantial completion of construction is projected for Friday, August 18, in plenty of time for the Labour Day Move-In. A formal opening and dedication has been set for Saturday, October 14.

*Construction updates can be found on the college's website: [www.redeemer.on.ca](http://www.redeemer.on.ca)*



# Concert Choir wows audiences in Hamilton...

## ...and Eastern Canada

**C**entenary United Church in downtown Hamilton hosted the Redeemer College Concert Choir for a performance of Haydn's *Creation* on April 7<sup>th</sup>. The 45 Concert Choir members were joined by the 29-voice Alumni Choir and soloists Tannis Sprott, Lenard Whiting, and Joel Katz, and were accompanied by orchestra. More than 600 people attended the event which gave current students and alumni a chance to share their gifts in a magnificent venue. Dr. Christiaan Teeuwssen, who directed the choirs and orchestra, commented on the energy of the evening. "These people just sang their hearts out. You could tell that they truly believe everything that they were singing."

This was the second oratorio that the Concert and Alumni choirs

have performed together (they sang Mendelssohn's *Elijah* at Centenary in 1997). Watch for details in the next issue of *Images* about a performance this fall of the greatest of all oratorios, Handel's *Messiah*.

For nine days this spring, the Concert Choir toured schools and churches in New Brunswick, Nova

Scotia, and Prince Edward Island. In addition to the scheduled concerts, the choir was also heard at other impromptu concert halls along the way...Wendy's, shopping malls, hosts' living rooms, the Citadel in Nova Scotia, the parliament buildings in Ottawa...the singing never stopped!



PHOTO BY DAVID NUMAN

Singing within the walls of the Halifax Citadel

A highlight of the tour was the concert held at *Eglise Notre Dame des Sept-Douleurs* in Edmunston, NB. It was the only venue where most of the choir members did not want to sing—they wanted to sit and listen! The acoustics in the building were amazing, allowing the music to float on the ceiling for a while even after the songs were finished. The choir enjoyed themselves so much that they sang every selection on the program and went out to do an encore.

There is always a bit of sadness when tour ends, especially for those who will be graduating. Anita Luth from Chatham, after this her fourth and final concert choir tour was done, shared, "Choir was the most important thing to me at Redeemer. I love to use my gifts to praise God with this group of people who share that same love."

## Hijinks and Shenanigans

**A**n investigation of the nature of clown performance in an Advanced Acting class led to a unique show in a unique venue for a number of Redeemer theatre students—an interactive performance at the Ancaster location of Chapter's bookstore.

This was an educational experience for performers, one that stretched their repertoire. "For the actor, one of the joys of clown work is the evolution of a unique clown type that emerges from each actor—a type that is fleshed out and played as a particular project develops," says Prof. Ray Louter, Associate Professor of Theatre Arts & Communications "One actor may find that he or she is able to find many different clowns within their own personalities, but it is enough to say that the specifics of a clown are closely linked to the personality of the actor."

Valerie Louter '93, Marketing and Special Events Coordinator for local Chapters stores (and

Ray's sister) had asked Ray if some theatre students might want to come to the store to read love poetry in the Spring. Prof. Louter counter proposed to stage a noisy clown show and began to write a script based on the idea that a group of clowns had been invited to perform *Romeo and Juliet*. Ill-prepared and frightened of the ideas of war and death (also oddly predisposed to rebellion) the clowns would do their best with Shakespeare's play, but they would digress, speak text from the wrong plays, and generally goof off a good deal.

The performances began with a noisy musical parade through the sanctity of the quiet bookstore (lots of singing, thumping, chatting with patrons etc.) and a general "gathering" of the audience at the centre of the store. "The stunned looks of some of the patrons were priceless," says Louter. "The interaction of performers and audiences was new to many and therefore refreshing. I think

that one of the most wonderful things about clowning with the Bard is the joy of placing his work on level with our own experience."



L-R: Sidng, K. Aguilar, B. Dewing, C. Hassell, J. Mc Naughton, R. Louter, Kneeling - E. Camire, J. Cullum



# Honouring Athletes -- Present & Past

Frances Manias-Jackson '96

## Hockey Team Takes Title

For the 5<sup>th</sup> time, the Niagara Christian Hockey League championship trophy is on display at Redeemer College! Congratulations to 3<sup>rd</sup> year coach Paul Heerema '97, and assistants James Mudde 'x98, Sandra Heerema '98 and James Van Lierop 'x95 for the outstanding job of fostering team unity and an atmosphere which brought some of the best hockey Redeemer has seen. The Royals finished the regular season in first place with a record of 16 wins, 2 ties and 3 losses, and then went 3-1-1 in the playoffs before beating the Panthers 6-4 in the finals. Congratulations to Randy Lodder, recipient of the League Best Goals Against Award and Ben Maas, the 1999-2000 NCHL League MVP, and all team members for an outstanding season.

## Play in Provincial Championships

The Men's Volleyball team with second year coach Mike Baker '93 completed the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association regular season with 10 wins and 6 losses.

Their record earned them an OCAA Championship qualifying match against the Canadore Panthers (North Bay). With a 3-1 victory here at home, the Royals qualified for the OCAA Championships (February 17-19th, Belleville), ending the tournament in a tie for 5<sup>th</sup> place. Not only did they play hard, the Royals were recognized with the OCAA Fair Play Award for their efforts. Congratulations to this

young team -- with all but one veteran returning, they should prove to be a power in the OCAA next season.

## Terry Talsma Wins Major Award

The Royals men's volleyball team was not the only Redeemer attraction at the OCAA Championships. Alumnus Terry Talsma '93 was among an elite few to receive a prestigious award from the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association -- selection to the league's All-Millennium Volleyball Team. The twelve athletes, spanning 33 years of collegiate sport in Ontario, were defined by similar characteristics: "They possessed passion for the game, lead by example and demonstrated respect for their teammates and opposition." (OCAA Media Release, February 16, 2000).

Terry's volleyball skills, accomplishments and character solidify him as one of the top 12 all-time volleyball players in the OCAA. Highlights of his career include being a 3-time MVP at Redeemer, 4-time OCAA League All-star, 3-time OCAA Tournament All-star, OCAA Via Rail Athlete of the Week (92-93 season), and being a key member of the Royals 1992-93 Silver Medal Team (Division II).

Terry's athletic achievements are a celebration of what God can accomplish through us while we are playing the game or long after we have run the race. It is with thanksgiving that we celebrate this award, and we will remember it by the encouragement it offers to all athletes who compete not only for Redeemer College, but for the Lord.

## The Royal Road to Victory Recognizes Excellence

Following the announcement of the OCAA All-Millennium Teams, the Redeemer College Athletics Department looked for a way to acknowledge athletes, coaches and "builders" who have made an outstanding contribution to Redeemer College and the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association during their career. The result

was the creation of the Royal "Road to Victory" Award, with its inaugural inductees honoured at the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Athletic Award Ceremony on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2000. Four athletes were inducted this year:

Terry Talsma  
1989-1993:  
Volleyball, Soccer;



Roxanne (Broer) Bowes  
1990-1994:  
Soccer;



Tracy Van Dijk  
1990-1994:  
Soccer, Volleyball;



Betty  
(Dykerman) Steenbeek  
1986-1989:  
Volleyball, Soccer,  
Athletic Coordinator  
'89 -'99 and presently  
Assistant Athletic  
Director.



These athletes are among the best to have worn a Royals jersey, and their photos will grace the Athletic Centre's hallway on the Royal Road to Victory to be remembered by all. The Athletic Department's desire is that their accomplishments will foster an excitement for Godly and inspiring competition in years to come. For more information on the Royal Road to Victory award including this year's award winners and the award's criterion, please contact Frances Manias-Jackson, Athletic Coordinator, at (905) 648-2131 x 4267.



L-R Standing, Brad Heidbuurt, Mike Schenk, Kevin Adema, Ken Mercer, Colin DeRaaf, Mike Baker. L-R Sitting, Brian Klein-Geltink, Chris Kingma, Kyle Spyksma, Kevin Hoogstaad.



# Hairless for Hilltop

*Greg Bylsma*

That university students do crazy things is not that unusual. That their professors join them in those activities makes it a bit more interesting. But when the whole college community gets in on the act to support people thousands of miles away, the "crazy stunt" becomes truly remarkable.

"Hairless for Hilltop" took the Redeemer College community by storm during the month of March, raising funds for Hilltop University, a sister Reformed university in Nigeria, Africa. With a goal of \$3000, (six times the amount raised in the previous year) the campaign lasted 31 days, culminating in a grand shaving of heads and beards in the centre foyer of Redeemer College.

The Hairless for Hilltop campaign was the brainchild of Dan VanMinnen, a fourth year student majoring in Philosophy at Redeemer College. After watching the annual campaign run for a number of years, Dan and other members



L-R Standing, R. Elzinga, G. Haas, M. Goheen, A. Wolters, J. Byl, H. VanDyke, L-R floor, D. VanMinnen, G. Bylsma, G. Cubitt, J. Veldman of the Redeemer College Student Senate decided the campaign was in need of a new face, as were a number of professors. As the number of dollars pledged grew, more heads would be shaved.

Setting the example, when pledges topped \$500, 5 male members of Student Senate had their heads shaved at the formal banquet in February. In the end, Prof. Louter and Drs. VanderMeulen, Van Dyke and Byl gave dearly to the cause, and the entire Religion department shaved their heads when the goal of \$3000 was reached. Third year student Randy Elzinga, who had not cut his hair since grade 9, agreed to have his head shaved as well, and he donated his shorn locks to the Cancer Society to make children's wigs. But the grand prize was Dr. Al Wolters. Unseen, ever, by his wife and children, Dr. Wolters' chin had not been shaved since 1963.

At a wild ceremony in the centre foyer, the honour of shaving Dr. Wolters' beard was auctioned off to the highest bidder. Alice Wolters, with the financial and vocal backing of many others, was given the chance to remove the professorial whiskers after the bids reached an incredible \$1000, pushing the total raised for Hilltop to over \$5000 from students, staff and (we suspect) other faculty. This money will provide full scholarship for a year of studies for over 40 students in Nigeria.

Perhaps the most memorable part of the entire fund-raiser was the final ceremony. Student Senate Secretary Dan VanMinnen and Hilltop representative Mike Goheen both spoke on the blessing of Christian living and the need to reach beyond our Western comfort and into our affluent Western pockets to share with those in other areas. Even though Redeemer College students sacrifice much for their education, they were able to give generously and enthusiastically to its sister school. This fund-raising campaign was an opportunity for the Redeemer community to share its blessings with a different part of the body of Christ. Redeemer realized, at least in part, what it means to be blessed in order to be a blessing.

For more pictures of the event, please visit: [www.redeemer.on.ca/~twiersma/hairless](http://www.redeemer.on.ca/~twiersma/hairless)

*Greg Bylsma is a third year student from Belleville, ON. As the Spiritual and Service Committee Chairperson of Student Senate, he too was shorn for the cause.*



Professor Goheen is not entirely sure about Brent vanStaalduinen's barbering skills



Family hygiene: Alice shaves Al



# Advancing Knowledge

## for Class, Community, and Kingdom -- Faculty Research at Redeemer

*By Maggie Vandermeer '2000*

Ask most people what goes on at a university, even a small Christian one like Redeemer, and the first, and often only response would be teaching. But while education is its primary function, a university is much more than just classrooms. From theoretical and philosophical contemplation to laboratory experiments to creative endeavours, Redeemer faculty are actively involved in research, advancing the scope of knowledge in their specialty. This work is essential to their teaching, their professional development, the college, and its support community.

Although research has always had an important role at Redeemer, it is about to get a boost with the creation of a new office. On August 1, 2000, Dr. Elaine Botha will officially retire from the position of Vice-President (Academic) at Redeemer College. Thankfully, however, she will not be leaving Redeemer altogether. In addition to her responsibilities as Professor of Philosophy, Dr. Botha has been appointed Director of Research and Faculty Development. This office will accommodate the Pascal Centre and the Dooyeweerd Centre and also consolidate other research initiatives at the College.

This move to bring together the various branches of research that go on at Redeemer is an exciting development which will hopefully help encourage the research efforts of Redeemer faculty. It also highlights the role and importance of research at a Christian University.



Dr. M. Elaine Botha

Dr. Botha points out that "if an educational institution claims to be a 'university,' research ought to be an integral part of its existence." Botha goes on to say that Christian scholars have an added responsibility when it comes to research because of their faith in God and the redemption through Jesus Christ. She argues that this faith gives Christian scholars a unique perspective as well as allowing them to see their scholarship as a form of "prophetic witness." Because of this, Dr. Botha believes that "Christian scholars need to focus on the critical issues and be at the cutting edge of research." While Dr. Botha does recognize the difficulty of this at a small institution, she feels that "one angle in which the Christian scholar can make a fundamental

contribution is through reflection on the foundational issues . . . which lie at the heart of the struggle for a Christian understanding of the world."

Dr. Botha's own research has long focused on those foundational issues. In particular, she has studied the religious convictions which underlie many of the metaphors and analogies that provide models for most academic theories. Dr. Botha began this work in the early eighties, devoted her 1984 sabbatical at the University of Notre Dame to it, and continued it during her sabbatical at The Pascal Centre in 1991. Dr. Botha hopes to continue pursuing this area of study in her future research. Former (and soon-to-be Interim, see page 17) Vice President (Academic) Dr. Wytse van Dijk, Professor of Physics and Mathematics, also questions underlying assumptions. He does research in the area of theoretical nuclear physics, trying to develop an understanding of the laws of physics at a very elemental, sub-atomic level. "It may be that one can verify experimentally which of the various fundamental physical theories of very small things is correct. This will have (very large) philosophical implications." Although much of his work is beyond the scope of many, van Dijk states that since "at a Christian university we make the claim that there is not one square centimeter of the universe that Christ does not claim for Himself," all studies should, in principle, "lead to service of God and fellow humans."



Christ's lordship extends beyond the theoretical and physical realm to the creative as well. As Raymond Louter, Associate Professor of Theatre Arts and Communications at Redeemer, points out, "Christians need to stretch beyond the known and established to look at the unknown and frightening. The world is a profound mystery and every stone overturned is another opportunity to point to the miracle and say, 'See that? God made it.' Research deepens our knowledge of created reality."

These foundational questions often have an impact beyond the world of academia, especially as Christian faculty strive to apply God's Word to their discipline. Dr. John Boersema, Professor of Business, has focused his research for the last ten years on developing a Christian perspective on business and economics. During his sabbatical in 1992/93, he began work which has culminated in the recent publication of his book, *Political-Economic Activity to the Honour of God*. The book seeks to provide a Christian approach to questions such as, "What should be done about unemployment, inflation, the poor? What should the role of government be? Should the market be left free to operate on its own? Is there, in fact, a Christian economic system?" For Dr. Boersema, this type of research and publication is integral to the role of a Christian university. "The results of our research can and must contribute to our support community as we all seek to apply God's Word to all areas of life."

Dr. Boersema also feels that his research has been an essential part of his development as a professor at Redeemer. "It is not a simple matter of applying to our teaching what others have done. Much of the limited available work is introductory in nature—good questions are raised. Much more work needs to be done. We need to take part in the necessary debate and discussions. Doing research for publication—even at a relatively popular level—forces us to refine our thoughts and allows us to improve the content of our courses."

Dr. van Dijk agrees that research is crucial, not just for faculty, but also for their students. Even at a small Christian university, it is important for professors to keep up-to-date in their field. Because

professors are themselves students, they must model scholarship to their students. van Dijk says "scholarship involves discovery and novel approaches. As a professor who does research and has moments at which new vistas are opened, I feel quite enthusiastic and passionate about my discipline. This enthusiasm and passion is good for students to experience; hopefully some will be infected by a love for the discipline as well."



The scope of faculty research is quite broad, but frequently is related to the courses faculty teach. Prof. Louter states that his "areas of research are as varied as the plays I direct." This means that each season he has to research a new playwright. "Sometimes there is wonderful overlap between what I do in the classroom and what I do in the theatre."

Dr. John Byl, Professor of Physical Education finds that his research helps in several courses he teaches on the administration of intramurals and athletics, and health education. He has been involved in writing a textbook on intramural administration and writing a devotional book for athletes. He has also helped an online company, SportsStandings.com with free online tournament and league organization.

Dr. Byl also does work with other Ontario colleges in a project to promote active living. This involves visiting all the colleges, and with the help of colleagues from other colleges, developing a fitness guide to be used as an incentive for college students across the country. That interaction which faculty have with colleagues at other institutions is another important component, and benefit of research.

Professor of Biology Dr. Gary Chiang has worked for many years with Dr. Ken Davey of York University in Toronto. "Research cannot be done in isolation" says Dr. Chiang, "it needs the interaction and feedback of colleagues, both formally and informally." The constructive criticism and encouragement that result from working with, and being accountable to, another expert in a faculty member's field can be very satisfying for the researcher, especially at a small institution like Redeemer.

For those involved with the creative process, like writing and performing, the role and importance of research is no less important. Not only does their work need to be done well, it also needs to be accurate. Hugh Cook is a Professor of English and the author of two collections of short stories and one novel. He notes that "Whether it is in factual information or in your description of a place, if you're not accurate some reader somewhere is going to catch you in a mistake, and that's embarrassing. One of the things I strive for is concrete detail,

since that is the very modus operandi of fiction, and you simply cannot get that kind of detail without observation. The eye is the writer's most vital organ."

For his short stories, Prof. Cook has taken an experimental approach to research, going to the place where he's chosen to set a story, observing, and asking people questions. For his stories in *Cracked Wheat* he visited, among other places, a butcher shop, a greenhouse, a dance class, and the Lake Erie shoreline. For *Home In Alfalfa* he visited numerous small towns in southern Ontario where he would drop in on barber shops, cafes, stores, and newspaper offices. He also read many small town newspapers for interesting situations and stories.

For his novel, *The Homecoming Man*, Prof. Cook's research was of a more analytical nature.

This involved much reading in World War II history, especially material relating to concentration camps — documentary material, descriptions of the horrors of the camps, and survivors' accounts. Cook also did a good deal of research into survivor's syndrome that is the result of war trauma.

Sometimes, research takes faculty down some strange paths, even to studying quackery. Besides his empirical research into the way in which the two hemispheres of the human brain interact in processing information, Dr. Wayne Norman, Professor of Psychology, also does theoretical research in the history of phrenology (determining one's character from examining the bumps

on a person's head). While phrenology is now considered a pseudoscience, and its assumptions understood as not scientifically valid, Norman argues that there is much to be learned from it. He states that since phrenology started out employing scientific principles and methods, it can teach much about how science can move to pseudoscience.

In addition, the fact that phrenology is often ignored in psychology texts sheds much light on the development of psychology as a discipline. Norman also finds much value in the study of the history of phrenology as a case study in the science and religion debate.

Dr. Norman is currently participating in a three year program



sponsored by the Templeton Foundation in which he spends a month each summer, along with thirty colleagues, pursuing this work and interacting with others also looking at science-religion issues.

Issues of faith and science, specifically how religious beliefs shape the content of science, are at the heart of the work of the Pascal Centre for Advanced Studies in Faith and Science, one of Redeemer College's two research centres. Along with visiting scholars, and in collaboration with external scholars, the Centre actively focuses on areas such as the function of belief in science, the role of the Bible in science, creation and evolution, design in nature, and models for constructive interaction of faith and science.

One of the main objectives of the Pascal Centre is to produce material for teaching and outreach. To this end, the Pascal Centre has held two research conferences (in 1992 and 1998), has had fifty-five

papers published in refereed journals and books, eighteen in popular journals, and has published seven books, with two more anticipated in the next few years. Dr. Botha will be taking over as Director of the Pascal Centre for Dr. Jitse van der Meer, who has overseen its work since 1988.

The Dooyeweerd Centre for Christian Philosophy has predominantly emphasized the need to translate the Dutch language works of the philosopher Herman Dooyeweerd. Dr. Botha, who will be involved in directing the Centre, states that "the Centre has regarded this [translation work] as a prerequisite to research that could be developed in the future."

Both centres are important components of Redeemer College. Their research work is often published in books, and academic and popular journals. Both centres also host conferences, such as the "Open Book and Scholarship" conference, to be held August, 2000. These events bring Christian academics from around the world to Redeemer's campus to share in ways that a distinctly Christian perspective can be brought to light on academia.

Dr. Justin Cooper, President of Redeemer College, points out that research has always been an important emphasis at Redeemer. While teaching remains the first priority, research is strongly encouraged. Cooper states that an important relationship exists between research and teaching — the two reinforce each other. "Professors who are actively engaged in issues in their field are better teachers as a result. It brings their subject alive." For Redeemer faculty, research is an essential, and frequently rewarding aspect of their calling. It challenges them, invigorates them, and gives them an outlet to serve students, the college, its support community, and ultimately God himself through the advancement of knowledge.

Maggie Vandermeer graduated from Redeemer this May with an Honours English major, a History major, and a philosophy minor. This September she begins an MFA Program (Masters in Fine Arts) in Creative Writing at Cornell University in New York.



## SUPPORTING FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP AT REDEEMER COLLEGE

By linking education with research and creative endeavor in its mission statement, Redeemer College recognizes the importance of faculty development in maintaining effective teaching. To ensure that faculty are able to pursue scholarly and professional development outside of the classroom, the College has a number of programs in place:

### Sabbaticals

A sabbatical research leave program enables faculty to be released temporarily from their teaching responsibilities to engage in creative, scholarly, or professional activity. The present sabbatical policy allows a faculty member the possibility of a full year sabbatical every 7 years. Although this policy has not been followed in the past due to financial constraints, attempts have recently been made to reinstate a program of at least one semester-plus-summer sabbaticals. Faculty who are eligible for sabbaticals present a sabbatical research proposal which is judged by a group of peers, the Faculty Development and Research Committee.

### Research and Conference Funding

The College allocates part of its budget towards the support of faculty through Internal Research Grants and Grants for Instructional Development. Technology Challenge Grants for the use and application of teaching and learning technology in the classroom have also been made available since Redeemer became a "wired" campus. In addition, the College provides a limited amount of money for attending academic conferences. Applications for these funds are processed through the Faculty Development and Research Committee.

Faculty have been involved in different research projects funded by external sources such as the Aid to Small Universities Grants from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council and a small project of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities' project on Global Stewardship. Redeemer faculty also qualify to apply for funds from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Council.



# From Kakabeka Falls to Bay Street

Wilfred Vos '95 takes an indirect path to a career in finance and publishing.

Tim Wolfert '87

Like many university graduates, Wilfred Vos walked off the Commencement platform with a solid education and a less-than-concrete career plan. "I really didn't know what I wanted to do, so I went to Northern Ontario to plant trees for a while," he says. "But I wasn't too worried about my long-term plans because I had kept my options open throughout school."

There is little doubt about Vos' career focus now. He has parlayed his Redeemer BCS in Honours Business, further graduate and professional studies, a lot of hard work, and those open options into a successful career in finance. And along the way he has become a best-selling author as well.

Wilfred Vos is Assistant Vice President, Investment Management of TAL Fund Management a division of TAL Global Asset Management, an investment manager for institutional, private, and mutual fund clients with assets of over \$55 billion worldwide. His responsibilities include analyzing and monitoring the performance of TAL's investment products in order to ensure that they are performing well and meeting client expectations.

Vos has been interested in the performance of stocks and mutual funds since university. While doing an internship at Bick Financial Services, he developed the All Time Periods Methodology, a way to measure the relative risk and reward of an investment. The ATP measurement caught the attention of well-known Canadian investment commentator and author Gordon Pape. Vos assisted Pape on his annual *Buyer's Guide* for three years before publishing his own book based on the ATP formula.

Vos' annual *The Best of the Best Mutual Funds and Blue Chip Stocks for Canadians* (Scarborough: Prentice-Hall



Wilfred Vos, at King & Bay Streets, Toronto

Canada, Inc., 2000), co-authored with Bruce McDougall, is a national best seller. It has been featured in the *Globe and Mail*, *Toronto Star* and *Hamilton Spectator*. Vos has also written for various financial publications including *Canadian Investment Review*, *Benefits Canada*, *Today's Corporate Investors*, *MoneySaver*, and *Canadian Treasurer*. He has appeared on *CBC Newsworld*, *NBN Working Day*, *Investment Television*, *Morning Market*, and *Investor's Online*.

Although Vos' degree at Redeemer

provided him with many options, he realized that further courses would be needed for him to specialize in finance. "I was a bit nervous when I started taking the Canadian Investment Management course and other courses offered by the Canadian Securities Commission," he says. "But I found that my Redeemer education, especially my business courses, gave me a great preparation for those programs." Wilf completed an amazing double in 1999, finishing an MBA program at York University, specializing in financial and investment management, and receiving his Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation (a three year program offered by the Association of Investment Management and Research AIMR) -- both in the same year.

Vos is pleased about the way his Redeemer education has opened doors for his career. "I chose a major that gave me lots of options, and I have been able to pursue those areas which have interested me. It took me a while to see what was available, and it involved some incredibly hard work, but at the end of the day it has paid off; not because of what I have done, but because the Lord has blessed my work. I am fortunate to be doing something that I enjoy and uses my God-given gifts."

With the academic requirements out of the way for now, Vos is working to complete 2 books for publication this fall -- a revised *Best of the Best*, and a new book on personal finance, *101 Investment Tips*, co-authored with Jim Helik. Both books will be published by Prentice Hall, and will be available through major bookstores and web e-tailers. As for the future, it's safe to say that, partly because of his Redeemer College education, Wilfred Vos will have many options available to him.

Wilfred and his wife Jenny Lynn and their daughter Taylor-Nicole live in Burlington, Ontario where they attend Burlington CRC.





# Alumni initiative offers career help to students

Choosing a career is one of the most important decisions that a young person can make. It is also one of the most difficult. Even after four years of study at university, the road to a rewarding career, a job that a student not only likes, but one that also uses and develops his or her gifts, is not always clear. Thanks to a new initiative from the Student Life Office and the Alumni Association, Redeemer College students now have a new tool that they can use as they map out their career path.

The Alumni Career Network (ACN), formally launched on March 22, is a way in which students can tap into the experiences of Redeemer College alumni. "It allows students, in an informal way, to talk with former students about their experiences in various jobs or graduate programs," says John Krueger, Redeemer College's Career and Placement Coordinator. With the help of the Alumni Office, Krueger contacted over 50 alumni, all of whom agreed to allow their names and position to be posted in a booklet. Students who are interested in learning more about a

particular job or graduate program are encouraged to contact that alumnus to arrange for an "information interview."

The booklet also has a list of positions that Redeemer alumni have obtained immediately after graduation and another list of positions which alumni have secured after they have been in the workforce for at least a year. "It's important to give students a sense of the variety of jobs that are out there," says Krueger, "and to give them hope the degree and program that they have invested so much into can lead to a satisfying and rewarding career."

Both alumni and students are excited about the program. According to Krueger, a number of students

have already contacted alumni to set up information interviews. And assisting current students in such a meaningful way is a great way for alumni to give something back to Redeemer.

Krueger and the Alumni Office plan to revise and re-issue the Alumni Career Network booklet on a regular basis. Alumni who wish to participate as a resource for students are asked to contact the Alumni Office at Redeemer College.



Author John Krueger and alumni contributor Terri-lyn Hergott '98 discuss the ACN.

The Career and Placement Office at Redeemer offers a variety of services for alumni as well as students. "In particular, those alumni who are considering changing their career can really benefit from what we have to offer," says Krueger. Services such as career testing, resume writing, and private consultations are available free of charge to alumni. There are also a number of openings that are often posted at the Career & Placement Office.

Alumni who wish to take advantage of some of these services should contact Mr. Krueger at the Student Life Office (905) 648-2131, Ext 4228, or [krueger@redeemer.on.ca](mailto:krueger@redeemer.on.ca)

## Balancing school, church and community

Leanne Yzerman receives the Alumni Leadership Award

University life is unique -- students are part of a very focused community, and much of their energy is spent on activities within that community. After all, it is often their only stable community for 8 months of the year after they move to live, study, and worship in a different city. Add the distance and time constraints they face, and it is easy to see why students frequently drop off-campus commitments. But Leanne Yzerman has committed to keeping a balance of different activities in her life, and as a result, she is the recipient of the 2000 Alumni Leadership Award.

An Honours student in Redeemer's Co-operative Business program, Yzerman has retained an outstanding GPA while being active in a number of different areas. Off-campus, she has volunteered at a drop-in centre for teens in Dundas, been involved in Neighbour Link as a tutor, and was a counsellor for a weekly girls program at church. At Redeemer, her biggest commitments have been as an academic tutor and as a member of the women's varsity volleyball team for four years.

"I am not a loud, vocal, centre-of-attention-type leader," Yzerman says of her leadership qualities. "Rather, through all of



my activities, I have tried to lead by example, and to be an encourager and motivator." She is also pleased that a number of her activities have given her the opportunity to witness to those outside the Redeemer community.

Yzerman, who graduates next May, plans to enter the Certified Management Accounting program, and hopes to secure a management/controller position. "Obviously, to be an effective manager, one must be an effective leader," she says. "Through my activities at

Redeemer, I have developed people and communication skills that will be important in my future career."

The Alumni Association sponsors this award not only to reward students who have provided leadership, but also to encourage their involvement with the Alumni Association after graduation. The \$500 award, funded by alumni donations, is awarded to a student entering his or her last year at Redeemer. The Alumni Board received a number of very deserving applications; ranking the applications, was a difficult, but rewarding task.

The Alumni Association thanks Ms Yzerman for her contributions to the College community and wishes her the Lord's blessings in her final year of studies here, and for her plans beyond Redeemer.



# Homecoming 2000

## Come one! Come all!

All former students are invited to Homecoming 2000, hosted by Redeemer College and the Alumni Association. We hope that you and your family will join us for a great day of activities and reminiscing as we celebrate the education and the friendships that were part of our time at Redeemer.

Al Bakker and Mary Jane Tigchelaar (Blyleven), both graduates of the Class of 1990, sit on the Planning Committee that is organizing this year's activities. We hope that you will be able to join us on campus for the afternoon of Saturday, September 16, for a relaxing program with lots of time to mingle.

For those of you interested in some wholesome morning rivalry (or those of you who just enjoy golf), the 6th Annual Alumni Golf Tournament will begin at 9 a.m. at the Old Course at Knollwood. It will be a Best Ball Tournament; sign up as a foursome or throw your name into the hat and the Alumni Office will set up a foursome for you.

Later that afternoon, Dr. Doug Loney, Associate Professor of English, will give a faculty address. Dr. Loney has just spent a semester on sabbatical working on a collection of short stories. But he is also remembered for some other, rather creative, projects and presentations. Be sure to check out what he has in store. During

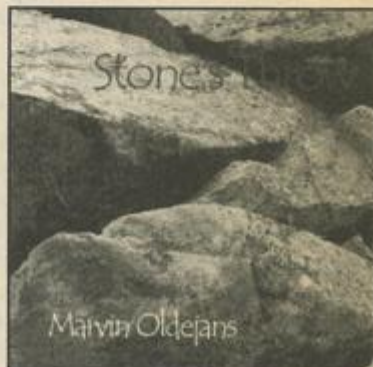


the faculty address, there will be activities for young children, organized by Redeemer students.

There will be a BBQ dinner in the front quad starting at 5:30. Please bring your own lawn chair. After dinner, there will be a tour of the new campus, including the new residence, for anyone who is interested in seeing how much the College has, or hasn't, changed.

We are also pleased to announce that Marvin Oldejans '88, will be performing in a free concert that evening in the Centre Foyer. Marvin has just released a new CD, "Stones Throw" and copies will be available for sale at the show. This concert is presented in conjunction with the Student Life Department.

The registration form and the schedule for the day's activities are below. Please register no later than Sept. 1. If you would like more information, please contact the Alumni Office.



### Homecoming 2000 Registration Package

Please complete the following and send to the Alumni Office by September 1. Make cheque payable to Redeemer College. We plan to participate in the following:

#### 9:00 - Alumni Golf Tournament

\$40 per person (includes green fees and prize table)

*Pre-registration is required. This is a best-ball tournament; you may sign up individually or as a foursome (please include names of partners). You will be contacted with exact tee-off time (between 9 and 10 am). Please contact the Alumni Office if you wish to donate a door prize*

#### 3:30 - Alumni Annual Meeting

(see accompanying article)

If you are not able to attend, please take a moment to complete the proxy ballot below

#### 4:30 - Faculty Address with Dr. Loney

Free! But please send the names and ages of your children if you want them to participate in the organized activities

#### 5:30 - Barbeque dinner

Burgers, hot dogs, salads, desserts and hot and cold drinks

@ \$7 per person

@ \$5 per child under 12 (kids under 5 free)

@ \$20 per family

#### 7:00 - Campus Tours

#### 8:00 - Marvin Oldejans in concert

Free! CDs will be sold after the show

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Children's names and ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Proxy Ballot: Must be signed and returned to the Alumni Office by Friday, September 15

For Member at Large (choose 1):

Rosalie Bouwers \_\_\_\_\_ Deb VanderStelt \_\_\_\_\_

Do you support the changes to the Constitution as proposed elsewhere in *Images*?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



## Board Proposes Changes to Constitution

All alumni are invited to the Association's Annual Meeting on Saturday, September 16 at 3:30 pm. This is your chance to provide input to the Board and hear reports of the Board's activities, initiatives, and future plans. We also will be electing a new Member at Large to replace Mark Mantel, '89. Mark has served the Board with distinction for the past 6 years, the last two as interim president. The Board is pleased to present the following candidates to fill this vacancy on the Board.

Rosalie Bouwers '92 works at the head office of Christian Horizons in Elmira, ON. Rose lives in Guelph.

Debra Vanderstelt '95 teaches physical education at Smithville District Christian High School. Deb lives in Hamilton.

If you are unable to attend this meeting, but would still like to vote, you may send in a proxy ballot. The ballot must be signed and returned to the Alumni Office by Friday, September 15. If you and your spouse (if you are both alumni) would like to vote, please make another copy of the ballot. *An alumnus of Redeemer College is someone who has successfully completed eight courses.* You will find the proxy ballot on page 14 of this *Images*.

At its March 25 meeting, the Alumni Board proposed a number of changes to the Alumni Association's Constitution and By-Laws. These changes, dealing with the creation of an Executive and the way that the President of the Board is chosen, are seen as ways to streamline the election process and the workflow of the Board.

Since all changes to the Association's Constitution require approval of the Membership, these changes are presented here. Changes to the By-Laws are presented to the Membership for information. Alumni have the opportunity to vote on these changes at the Alumni Association's Annual Meeting, or via proxy ballot. Alumni who wish to have a copy of the entire Constitution and By-Laws are asked to contact the Alumni Office.

## CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS REDEEMER COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

*Italicized bold print items are proposed changes/additions*

### CONSTITUTION:

#### Article III Alumni Association Board

##### Section 1

- a) The Association shall be governed by an Alumni Board of Directors
- b) The Board shall consist of 9 Members-at-Large, the Alumni representative to the Board of Governors, the Alumni Representative to the Senate, a representative from the present student body, and the Alumni Affairs Coordinator.
- c) *The Board shall elect from the Members-at-Large an Executive consisting of President, Vice-President, and Secretary.*

##### Section 2

Delete b) and c) below:

- b) The President shall be nominated and elected by the Association.
- c) The Vice-President is an elected Member-at-Large, chosen by the Board.

### BYLAWS:

#### Article II Board of Directors

##### Section 1

The Board shall consist of the following:

- a) *elected officers: 9 Members-at-Large (of whom one will be chosen by the Board to be the President, one to be vice-President, and one to be Secretary), the Alumni Representative to the Board of Governors and the Alumni Representative to the Senate.*

##### Section 4

Delete d) below

- d) If, after completing a portion of a second, three-year term, a Member wishes to stand for election as President, s/he will be eligible to serve for a full three year term if so elected.

Add the following:

- d) *Members of the Executive are elected by the Board annually for one year terms.*

#### Article III Powers and Duties of the Board

##### Section 2

The duties of the Executive are as follows:

- a) Sets the Agenda for Board meetings.
- b) *When empowered by the Board, to make decisions on the Board's behalf in those circumstances when it is expedient to do so. All such decisions shall be ratified by the full Board at its next meeting.*

#### Article IV Election Policy and Procedures

##### Section 3

- d) *Ballots may be cast at the meeting itself, or throughout the day at a Board supervised ballot-box*



# Redeemer Offers New Programs

In the recently completed Program Development Survey (1999) prepared by Dr. Joanne van Dijk, respondents asked which new programs should be offered by the College ranked Social Work and Environmental Studies first and second. Redeemer is pleased to announce that course offerings in both of these areas have been expanded, giving students more opportunities in both fields. These programs will assist in fulfilling the mission of Redeemer College by raising the social and environmental consciousness of our students.

## Social Work

Social Work is not entirely new to Redeemer. Sociology/Social Work majors and minors have been offered in the past, taught by Professor of Sociology, Dr. Robert MacLarkey, and various part time Social Work professors. New this fall will be the option of pursuing a Sociology/Social Work honours degree. To complete this program, students will need to take 8 Sociology courses and 10 Social Work courses as well as work their required placement hours. During past academic years, two Social Work courses have been offered per year, and, beginning this fall, six more will be added.

Redeemer College

has hired Dr. Patricia Slade as Assistant Professor of Social Work to teach many of these new courses. Professor Slade comes to Redeemer from Ryerson Polytechnic University where she was an Instructor of Social Work. In addition to teaching Redeemer's Social Work courses, Professor Slade will be taking care of the internship program, developing connections with the community.

It is interesting to note that funding for this program comes directly from the generous support of the College community through the *Building on the Promises* Campaign.

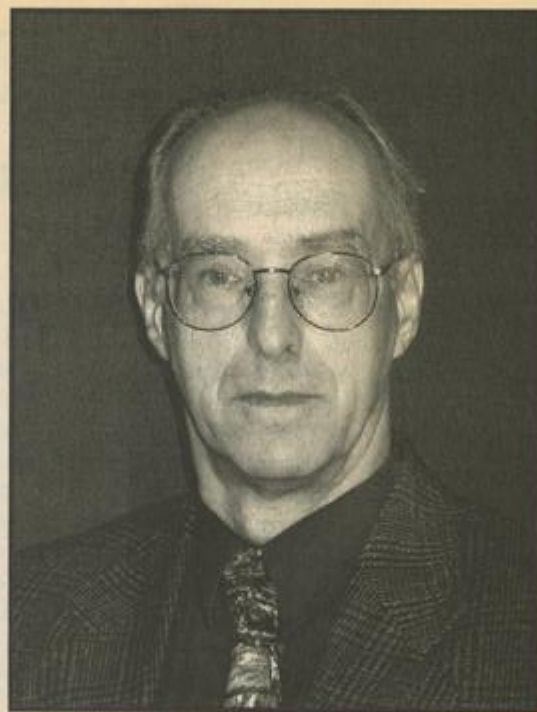
## Environmental Studies

During this past academic year, a new Environmental Studies program was approved, utilizing existing courses and two new courses specifically for this program: Philosophy of the Environment and Topics in Environmental Studies. The new program is designed to be interdisciplinary in scope so that all aspects pertaining to the environment are included. In addition to scientific considerations, the program will explore ethical questions, economic aspects, political considerations, biblical perspectives and social impacts that are related to the environment.

Redeemer College's Environmental Studies

program has two possible streams: a humanities emphasis and a science emphasis. Those students pursuing the humanities emphasis will focus more on economic, political and cultural issues relating to the environment while students desiring a science emphasis will concentrate more on biological/ecological or chemical aspects. There are however, required courses that are common to both streams in the program. Students are also required to take two courses from the Au Sable Institute of Environmental Studies in Michigan. Students pursuing the humanities emphasis will complete a General Major (12 courses) while science emphasis students can choose to pursue either a General (12 courses) or Four-Year Major (16 courses).

In its introductory stage, the program is already showing to be popular. The new environmental Science 101 course taught for the first time this year by Dr. Henry Brouwer had 47 students enrolled in it. Dr. Brouwer says, "Environmental issues are important topics to which students need to be exposed. As Christians, we need to be active in this area, training students to be sensitive to the impact of humans on God's creation."



## Interim Vice-President (Academic) Appointed

Redeemer College is pleased to announce that, with the support of the Senate and the Board Executive, Dr. Wytse van Dijk has been appointed as Interim Vice-President (Academic) for the next academic year. Dr. van Dijk will be taking over from Dr. Elaine Botha, who will be assuming other tasks at Redeemer.

Dr. van Dijk, Professor of Physics and Mathematics, is one of the original faculty members of Redeemer College. He is also on the faculty of McMaster University as a part-time Professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy. Besides his teaching experience, Dr. van Dijk has continued to do research in his area of specialty, nuclear theory. A recipient of many grants and awards, Dr. van Dijk has had his work published in many

academic journals and magazines, and has presented his findings at conferences around the world.

Dr. van Dijk is no stranger to academic administration. In his tenure at Redeemer he has been an Acting Academic Dean (1983 to 1985) and head of the Science Division (1988 to 1994). He has also held the post of Vice-President (Academic) before, from 1994 to 1995.

The appointment is effective August 1, 2000 and will provide the College with an opportunity to continue to search for a person to fill this position on a permanent basis. We appreciate very much Dr. van Dijk's willingness to serve in this capacity and wish him the Lord's blessing as he takes up this task.



## Welcome to new staff and faculty

**Maha Faragalla** is the new department assistant to the office of Vice President (Academic). She



has recently come to Canada from the United Arab Emirates where she worked as a Medical Executive Secretary in the Ministry of Health. Her first job in Canada was at McMaster as a part-time Medical Secretary in the Psychology Department of St. Joseph's Hospital. Maha lives in St. Catharines with her husband, Joseph, and her three children, Hadi, Nardeen, and Nadeer.

New to the receptionist desk in the main office is **Freda Schellingerhoudt**.



Freda previously worked in an office as service coordinator before taking time off to clean houses and work at home caring for her family. She lives in Brantford with her husband, Len, and four children, Brad, David, Christopher, and Amanda.



The Pascal Centre welcomes **Richard Van Holst** '86 from

Hamilton as Information/Database Manager. Richard comes to Redeemer from the Sable Centre for Studies in 19<sup>th</sup> Century French at the University of Toronto in St. Michael's College, where he was a Cataloguer. He is also a member of Redeemer's first graduating class. Welcome back to Redeemer!

**Mike Glockner** '99, is Redeemer's newest Admissions Counsellor.



He graduated from Redeemer with a Political Science major and lives in Georgetown with his wife, Melissa.

Though his face is not new to Redeemer, **Richard Wikkerink** '87 has a new position at the College with his appointment as Registrar. Richard started work at the College in the Admissions Office and mostly recently was the Associate Registrar. Along with other new responsibilities, part of Richard's job description is to water the plants in the office. He currently lives in Caledonia with his wife, Susan, and three children, Kristin, Spencer, and Selena.



## Staley Lecturer Provides National Exposure

Visitors to Redeemer College are often impressed by what goes on here. It's not often however that someone makes note of it in the national media. Prof. Ian A. Hunter, Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Law, of the University of Western Ontario, did just that after being on-campus for the twelfth annual Staley Lectures.

Professor Hunter led chapel, gave two lectures and was part of a student Open Forum over two busy days on Redeemer's campus. The theme for this year's lectures was "Whose Superscription is This?", taken from Luke 20:24. Prof. Hunter's discussions touched on many aspects of authority, the law, and the role of the Christian in the legal, political, and educational

spheres. A deep thinker and an engaging speaker, Prof. Hunter's discussions were lively, touching on many relevant and contemporary issues such as the impact of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms on Canadian society and its institutions.



Prof. Ian Hunter commented on his visit to Redeemer College as part of his regular column in the *National Post*. Some extracts from his March 9, 2000 article:

*Redeemer is a Christian degree-granting university set on a beautiful 31-hectare campus in the Dundas Valley. The buildings are clean and sunlit, the walls un-defaced by graffiti. I noticed informal*

*discussions going on everywhere between students and faculty - and the faculty seemed to know each student by name.*

*Redeemer students, I discovered, were not intimidated by intellectual debate; ideas were not threatening, nor was free-ranging inquiry offensive. Controversy was not something to be avoided.*

*Serious students, looking for the kind of liberal education that was once generally available in Canadian universities, should today examine small, unique institutions, such as ... Redeemer.*

Dr. Hunter's visit to Redeemer College had an impact on those who were fortunate to hear him speak; it's nice to know that Redeemer College had such a positive impact on him, as well.

Redeemer College is proud to be hosting "MagnifyThe Lord!" a conference on worship and church music on July 14 and 15. This conference, presented in association with the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship and *Reformed Worship* journal, is geared towards all who are involved in or have an interest in learning more about worship and church music.

Each day features seminars by speakers and worship leaders from a wide variety of backgrounds and experiences. Other highlights include a worship service led by the Central Presbyterian Church and its choir on Friday evening, and a Hymn Festival which will conclude Saturday's scheduled events. All guests are encouraged to participate in the all-conference choir which will rehearse each day and take part in the hymn festival on Saturday evening. Both the worship service and the hymn festival are open to the public.

The cost of the conference is \$65 per day, or \$110 for both days. Housing is available at an extra charge. Please note that housing space is limited, and those hoping to register for the conference should do so as soon as possible.

For more information, check the conference's website, [www.redeemer.on.ca/magnify/index.html](http://www.redeemer.on.ca/magnify/index.html), or contact Conference Registrar Deb Polman by email at [dpolman@redeemer.on.ca](mailto:dpolman@redeemer.on.ca), or by phone at (905) 648-2131, Ext. 4262

## Magnify The Lord!





*Personal Touch is a collection of interesting news items of Redeemer College alumni. To submit your news of interest and photo (if desired), clip out the form below and send to: Images, 777 Garner Rd. E., Ancaster, ON, L9K 1J4, or e-mail us at images@redeemer.on.ca (Photos will be returned.)*

**Bradley J. Cuzen '96** is pleased to have received a part-time teaching position at Doshisha Women's University in Kyoto, Japan (in addition to other ESL teaching positions). Also, he is thrilled to have moved into a new, and significantly better, apartment in March 2000. Address: Kyoto-shi, Kita-Ku, Kamigamo Minamioji-cho 72, Kamigamo-so 108, Japan 603-8074

**Mike Van Lingen 'x89 and Liese Van Lingen(van Arragon) '95** are pleased to announce the safe arrival of their second son, Daniel Eric, on March 30, 2000. Big brother Thomas (age 2) is enjoying his new role. Mike continues to work as senior computer programmer for Versus Technologies while Liese cares for their sons at home.

On January 1, 2000, **Jim Krale '97 and Trish Krale (Kaldeway) '97** celebrated the New Year by welcoming their little Millennium baby, Lauren Emma. She was born at 8:30 p.m. and weighed 9 lbs. and is a happy, healthy little girl. Jim is currently working at Internet Light and Power, an internet service provider in Toronto. Trish is enjoying her maternity leave at home with Lauren. In August she will be returning to work

as an Administrative Assistant in the Communications department for the Greater Toronto Airports Authority. Address: 38 River View Drive, Brampton, ON L6W 2E5, (905) 459-8897, thekrales@ilap.com

**Peter Hoytema '82 and Grace Hoytema '92** are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Julia Petrice, who was born on April 6, 2000, in Ridgewood, New Jersey. Peter is the senior pastor at Midland Park CRC, in Midland Park, New Jersey, and Grace is home with Robin (5), Andrew(3), Ethan(1), and Julia. Address: 92 Maltbie Ave, Ridgewood, NJ, 07450

**Kevin Hulink '95** married Karin Terpstra in September '99 and they have now moved to Brantford ON from Surrey, BC. Kevin has taken a teaching position at Woodland Christian Highschool in Breslau. Karin is working as a Midwife with the Community Midwives of Brantford. Address: 331 Erie Ave. (upper), Brantford, ON N3S 2H7, karinkevin@home.com

**Dan Reilly '96 and Beth Reilly (Avery) '97** are pleased to announce (belatedly) the arrival of their son Stephan Nicholas Reilly on Oct. 7th, 1997. Beth will be graduating in May of 2000 from Queen's University Graduate program with a Master of Arts degree in Canadian Women's

History. She will be starting post-graduate work at the University of Ottawa in the fall of 2000.

**MaryAnn Ypma '92** is presently teaching grade 3 at Ottawa Christian school and is pleased to announce her wedding plans to Laurence Stassen, another teacher on staff there. They will be married on July 22, 2000 in Kingston, where Laurence grew up. They've bought a house in Nepean which keeps them busy alongside their schoolwork. Address: 209 Sherway Dr., Nepean, ON K2J 2B3, (613) 823-4517. mypma@cyberus.ca

**Betty Steenbeek (Dykerman) '90 and Tony Steenbeek 'x87** are pleased to announce the birth of Kyle Robert on January 31, 2000. Derek (3) is adjusting well to brotherhood. Betty plans to return to her work as Assistant Director of Athletics at Redeemer College. Address: 565 Baptist Church Road, Caledonia, ON N3W 2G9, (905) 765-7187.

**Pete VanderHeide '93 and Sonja VanderHeide (Deelstra) '93** have welcomed Claire Paulina into their family in September 1999! Pete continues to work for the Northumberland OPP and Sonja is enjoying a year off from teaching at Northumberland Christian School. Claire joins Jacob, who is 3. Address: 232 Sutherland Cres., Cobourg, ON, K9A 5L3, (905) 373-8374.

## Alumni Chapel

As part of the annual Irrational Week, students were encouraged to dress "Retro-style" on Wednesday, March 22. Although completely unplanned, it turned out to be an entirely appropriate setting for an alumni-led chapel. To the assembled masses of skinny ties, tight jeans and gelled hair, Pastor Erick Schuringa '88 of Bethel CRC in Waterdown spoke on the Kingdom of God, and how students and alumni both have an integral part in it. A number of other alumni participated in the service by praying or leading litanies prepared by Ruth Ann Schuringa '89.

A number of students, staff and faculty commented not only on the Chapel service, but how much they enjoyed seeing former students take an active role in the College. This tradition, perhaps without the wardrobe, will continue next year.

## NEWS OF INTEREST - personal touch

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"Howie" Aukema in the wilds of Montana

# Entomology, philosophy, and the secrets of a Ph. D.

How research methodology can take many different forms

*Brian Aukema '96*

When I was asked to write this column, I thought, "Oh wonderful! *Images* is finally adding an extension entomology column!" Then I immediately found two problems. One, I actually don't know that much about insects, since I did my undergraduate degree at Redeemer College (ie. small school), which doesn't offer any entomology courses. Two, the editor asked me to write about research, not insects. I do know something about research, I suppose, because I am engaged in research (in entomology, no less) everyday at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (ie. big school).

I came here three years ago and was met with more than one surprised, "You have *never* taken an insect course?" (Much worse, I have never even had an insect collection, save the time when I was five that I brought 100 caterpillars into the house in a cardboard box and my mother promptly kicked me back outside). I sometimes find it slightly embarrassing that, unlike my colleagues, I cannot frown and sight-identify any bug that Joe Public brings me. My classification system generally doesn't start with tarsal formulas or suture location but rather, "Is it dead or is it alive?" and then "Does it bite?" So, sometimes I feel like an imposter here.

For those not familiar with post-graduate academia, I will briefly describe how earning a Ph.D. in my program works. First, you pick a

mentoring committee of 4 or 5 professors and bring them all to the same room with you. Then you tell them what you are going to do (1 hour). Then they drink coffee (1 hour), ask you questions about it (1 hour) and tell you to do it (5 minutes). Then you do it (4 or 5 years). Then you bring them all back together and they ask you more questions (1 hour), drink more coffee (1 hour), ask you more questions (1 more hour) and tell you that you have fulfilled the requirements for a Ph.D. in Entomology (5 minutes). It's all pretty simple, really.

My Ph.D. committee of 5 is intimidating. They are all very smart and drink coffee and are quite famous. After they each agreed to educate me, I sent them a survey. It was more just out of curiosity, to see how broadly they thought about where they came from and why they did what they did. The 10 questions pertained to their education, interests, background, hero(in)es, and so on.

The responses varied between treatises to "no comment" to one that wrote, "Wait, aren't we supposed to be asking *you* the questions?" I was most interested in the answers to, "In Ph.D., is the Ph inextricably tied to, or mutually exclusive to, the D?" Paraphrased, I asked whether it was possible to pursue a doctorate (D) in science without any philosophy (Ph) (ie. integration in a bigger context; why you do what you do). On this question, two declined response, one wrote, "Huh?" one wrote, "Philoso-

phy counts," and one wrote, "Let us remember that the D stands for doctor, which is from the Latin, *docere*, to teach. So a Ph.D. is a teacher of philosophy. Philosophy, of course, comes from the Greek *philo* (loving) and *sophos* (wise, or wisdom). So a Ph.D. is a person who teaches of the love of wisdom and knowledge. My conclusion: neither letter is more important, it's the phrase that matters and the concept underlying it."

I didn't know it when I asked the question, but this was the answer I'd hoped for from all 5 educators. Redeemer might not teach a lot of bug courses, but they definitely teach the pursuit of wisdom and knowledge. I appreciate, for example, research centres like the Pascal Centre that examines the relevance of Christian faith to scientific knowledge. Given the dedication to scholarship in a Christian context, Redeemer's preparation for a career in research is second to none.

Now, if only I knew more about bugs...

Brian Aukema graduated from Redeemer in 1996 (Hons. Biology). He came to the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1997 and completed an MS (Entomology) in 1999. He is currently pursuing an MS in Biometry and a Ph.D. in Entomology, studying the chemical ecology of bark beetles and associated predators in forest systems. His email is [howie@calshp.cals.wisc.edu](mailto:howie@calshp.cals.wisc.edu).



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